Nov. 21.—Fire at the dwelling house of Mr. N. P. Fogg, on Centre street, occasioned by a defect in the chimney. Damage about \$100.

Jan. 1, 1858.—False alarm, from the burning of a chimney near the City Hall—house owned by Mr. H. M. Moore.

Jan. 30. Fire at the house of Mr. Joseph Mansur, on Cross street—roof of the house burnt off. Fire occasioned by a defect in the chimney, in the attic. Damage to house, &c., about \$250.

The Fire Apparatus of the city is located as follows:

Concord, No. 2.—Near the State Prison, at the north end of State street; has five hundred and fifty feet of hose in good repair. No. of members, 60.

MERRIMACK, No. 3.—Near Abbott's Coach Manufactory, south end of Main street; has five hundred feet of hose in good order. No. of members, 60.

Penacook, No. 4.—On Warren street; has six hundred feet of hose in good order. No. of members, 55.

CATARACT, No. 6.—At West Concord; has four hundred feet of good hose and one hundred feet of old hose. No. of members, 37.

OLD FORT, No. 7.—At East Concord; has three hundred feet of hose. In each of my annual reports I have called the attention of the city government to the small amount of hose furnished to this engine, but as yet no definite action has been taken in the matter. No. of members, 43.

PIONEER, No. 8.—At Fisherville; has five hundred feet of hose, all in good condition. No. of members, 50.

HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.—Is located in the same building with Engine No. 4, on Warren street. No. of members, 45.

There are also two old engines belonging to the city, one at the north (No 1,) and the other (No. 5,) at the south end of Main street, used by young gentlemen of from 15 to 18 years of age. At the fire on Cross street, one of these companies (No. 5,) did efficient service.

Some of the hose belonging to the engines in the main village of the city has been in use a long time, and often gives out when we most need it, but owing to the extraordinary high price of leather, I have thought it good economy not to recommend the purchase of any new hose. The prospect now is that they may be purchased cheaper during the coming season, and I would therefore

recommend that Engines Nos. 2, 3, and 4, be furnished with 100 feet of new hose each, and No. 7 with at least 150 feet additional.

RESERVOIRS.—In addition to the reservoirs heretofore constructed by the city, (for location of which see Chief Engineer's Report of 1857,) there have been constructed two new ones, one on Thompson street, near the residence of Mr. E. Chickering, at an expense of \$143.22; and the other in the rear of the City Hall, at an expense of \$146, one half of which was paid by the county, not including the stone, which were taken from the City Hall lot for the body of the reservoir. Both of the above are well located, and will be full of water in the dryest seasons.

The places where reservoirs are most needed at the present time, it is believed by the Board of Engineers, are on Centre street, in the vicinity of Union or Spring street. One could be constructed there probably for about the cost of the one on Thompson street. A reservoir is also much needed on Merrimack street, or on the high land near the residence of A. B. Holt, Esq., but the great difficulty has been, and still is, to get a suitable supply of water, and as yet the Board of Engineers have been unable to get such terms for supplying it as would justify them in recommending an appropriation for that purpose, although no part of the city is more exposed than this, now almost entirely covered with large and expensive wooden buildings.

During the past year I have been under great obligations to the Assistant Engineers for their promptness on all occasions, both at fires and at other times. In cases of fire much depends upon the judgment and activity of this branch of our Fire Department.

The entire apparatus of the city has been kept by the stewards of the various companies to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Engineers.

All which is respectfully submitted,

TRUE OSGOOD, Chief Engineer.

The following are the names of persons connected with the Fire Department at the present time:

BOARD OF ENGINEERS,

True Osgood, Chief Engineer; A. B. Holt, Assistant Engineer; Beza H. Lincoln, Clerk; Lowell Eastman, James L. Mason, Oscar G. Ingalls, Moses Humphrey, James Frye, Leonard Drown, Assistant Engineers.

John A. West, Henry C. Davis, James Morrill, O. H. Herbert, H. H. Holt, R. M. Ordway, Wm. T. Locke, George Dame, Joseph Brown, F. LaBonta, C. C. Hartford, S. M. Griffin, George H. Marston, J. B. Walker, Wm. Roby, Charles Barker, Calvin Smart, H. P. Sweetser, L. A. Walker, S. Seavey, G. H. Seavey, Wm. Ballard, M. A. Holt, C. R. Cass, George W. Emerton, E. A. Moulton, D. Kenerdy, George Brackett, John Richardson,

M. H. Bradley, John M. Hill, Isaac N. Elwell, R. Roberts, V. R. Moore, Henry Dunlap, Alvin Ferrin, Harrison Roby, I. D. Emerson, Hiram Richardon, Guy S. Rix, James G. Sargent George F. Carter, Harlan Conner, James W. Follonsby, Richard K. Gatley, Moses C. Hadley, Wm. Kenney, Albert Kimball, Frank Dow, Charles Ash, Joshua T. Kendall, Wm. Robinson, Otis Hardy, Jeptha Ryder, Benjamin F. Roby, L. B. West, John M. Bowker, T. R. Elwell.

Engine Company, No. 3.—Merrimack.
George Houston,.....Foreman.
James M. Otis,.....Clerk.

Joseph C. Abbott, Joseph Myers, George F. Whittredge. Jacob E. Hutchins, Charles H. Abbot, Joel Howe, John K. Stokes, Caleb Parker, James Thompson, Job M. Cook, Wilson E. Moulton, Joseph J. Pillsbury, Edward Sanborn, Daniel S. Webster, Asa Parker, Charles Butters, Charles E. Thompson, Andrew J. Tilton, Charles Bradley, Oliver Turner, Leander C. Lull, C. S. Colby, William W. Cloud, Dudley Winslow, Jesse Lull, Joseph Whitney, Jeremiah Batchelder, Oliver J. Fuller, Nathan S. Pillsbury,

Jason Kelley, R. W. Willey, John J. Mills. Charles McMichael, Alvin Kimball, Hamilton Hutchins, A. W. Clough, Sullivan Mills, Thompson Rowell, William Page, Joseph F. Blodgett, Sylvanus Adams, Sydney Upham, Joseph LaBonta, Andrew J. Langley, Alexander Leighton, Joseph Blake, William Williamson. Nathan H. Haskell, Andrew Lane, Baxter Blake, Charles J. Sommers, Wells Sargent, Samuel McCauley, Joshua Lane, William Prescott, Hamilton Rand, Edward A. Miller.

Engine Company, No. 4.—Pennacook.

Jona. Sargent,.....Foreman.

M. J. Mead,.....Clerk.

J. C. Osgood,
Ira F. Morse,
Wm. S. Davis,
Jeremiah Brown,
Charles J. Elliott,
J. C. Dunklee,
James A. Cooper,
Joseph Keysar,
J. G. Alexander,
Calvin Goodspeed,
J. Frank Hoit,
James Davis,
C. C. Webster,

W. G. Shaw,
D. B. Rowe,
S. D. Greeley.
Samuel Edmunds,
J. W. Prescott,
Charles E. Mead,
Nelson Tenney,
S. L. Sanders,
A. Morrison,
Charles G. Lane,
Calvin Gerrish,
Albert Ordway,
Henry H. Arlin,

David Brown, Jr.,
B. F. Wolcott,
Charles H. Dunklee,
Prescott F. Stevens,
Thomas James,
Patrick Morrison,
Arthur L. Davis,
J. D. Teel,
John S. Webster,
George W. Stowe,
T. O. Gardner,
Benjamin Leighton,
John Leighton,
John F. Scott,

Luther Blanchard,
Joseph Elkins,
Frank H. Lock,
A. S. Granger,
Jacob B. Wiggin,
Patrick Clanny,
Rufus R. Myres,
Moody P. Davis,
James M. Jones,
J. W. French,
Warren C. Webster,
Levi Call,
Daniel Ripley.

Engine Company, No. 6.—Cataract.

Moses Humphrey,.....Foreman.

Jackson Crosby,......Clerk.

Chandler Eastman, Benjamin F. Dow, Moses F. Clough, Benjamin F. Holden, John Quin, Joseph Eastman, George W. Brown, Hiram Farnum, Wm. H. Brown, Charles H. Clough, E. O. Ferrin, Daniel Marden. Charles Upham, Stephen W. Kellum, Lyman Sawyer, Thomas P. Gow, Michael Huben, Rufus Abbott.

Milo Bedell. Amos S. Abbott, J. E. Speed, O. A. Williams, Gust Williams, Harrison Partridge, Patrick Owens, George Partridge, A. H. Baker, Martin D. Dodge, Andrew Crockett, Jr., Wyman Holden, A. L. Marden, George N. Cheever, John O. Herrington, George W. Shepard, John Jenkins.

Engine Company, No. 7.—Old Fort. Wm. Page,Foreman. Charles E. Robinson,............Clerk.

John T. Batchelder, Samuel Eastman, Heman Sanborn, Isaac Eastman, Ebenezer Eastman, James M. Carleton, Adoniram B. Seavey, Winthrop St. Clair,

Smith Bean. Lewis Bean, James Frye, Gardner Tenney, Jonathan Kimball, George W. Moody, James Sanborn, Mellen C. Eastman, Washington Hill, Mark Floyd, Cyrus Farrar, George W. Moulton, William Pecker, Benjamin P. Kimball, Samuel Moody, Reuben B. Locke, George Turner,

Jacob Clough, Timothy W. Emery, Warren A. Bean, John Hutchins, John C. Hutchins, Joseph Clough, Peter C. Virgin, Cyrus R. Robinson, Charles H. Sanborn, Joseph Carpenter, James F. Ward, Alfred E. Emery, Joseph Dow, Horace Ames, Joseph Duplissis, Benjamin Morrill.

Engine Company, No. 8.—Pioneer.

Albert H. Drown,.....Foreman.

Samuel Merriam,.....Clerk.

Abiel Rolfe, John A. Coburn, George B. Elliot, David A. Brown, Leonard Drown, Isaac G. Howe, Samuel R. Flanders, Charles W. Hardy, Wm. H. Allen, Nathaniel Rolfe, Hazen Knowlton, Samuel C. Pickard, Charles L. Bachelder, Jacob B. Rand, Timothy C. Rolfe, Sylvester G. Long, Charles Abbott, Nathan Emerson, Jeremiah S. Durgin, Benjamin Morrill, Albert L. Smith, Daniel W. Martin, Edward McArdle, George H. Hinton,

Daniel Gibson, Fredrick Flanders, Isaac N. Vesper, Charles W. Chase, Josiah W. Jameson, Reuben C. Danforth, Joshua S. Bean, Charles D. Rowell, Frank Morse, Timothy H. Potter, Martin Sargent, Lorenzo F. Conner, John G. Warren, James H. Brickett, Wm. E. Woodward, Charles Smith, E. F. Bachelder, Sherburne W. Stevens, Lewis E. Edgerly, George S. Danforth, Albert Pratt, John Whitaker, Moses H. Bean, Charles J. Ellsworth.

Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1.

John C. Hall,.....Foreman.

Fred. S. Crawford,.....Clerk.

Harry Houston, Edson C. Eastman, Joseph B. Smart, John L. Gordon, Thomas B. Jones, Curtis White, S. N. Farnsworth, Isaac A. Hill, Solon S. Graves. Josiah B. Sanborn, Gust Walker, J. L. Cilley, John C. Pillsbury, Robert Crummett, Jeremiah Smith, Jacob P. Wheeler, John G. Elliott, James Leahy, Charles C. Shaw, John Miller, Daniel Clough, George A. Dow,

D. D. Brainard, N. S. Shaw, J. F. Cotton, George Page, Wm. H. Wyman, Henry E. Merrick, Ab'm S. Sanborn, Michael Arnold, James H. Sanders, John C. Shaw, James N. Lander, A. W. Rix. John M. Prentiss, T. K. Blaisdell, W. H. Smith, Charles C. Sabin. Michael Haines, Cyrus Clough, M. H. Sawin, Stephen Sweatt, Joseph Sweatt.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library present this their annual report for the year ending January 23, 1858:—

During the past year the Public Library has been opened to the use of our citizens. We are happy to say that its advantages have been very largely enjoyed. The full attendance at the library room during the hours of delivery, and the avidity of the demand for books have attested that a Public Library is an institution imperatively demanded by the intellectual wants of our people.

Since the report of the Trustees, in March last, 370 volumes have been added to the collection of books; making the whole number of volumes in the Library, 2291. The whole number of volumes donated to the Library is 584; of these some 550 are to be reckoned rather as books for reference, than for general circulation and reading; so that there are now upon our shelves, of the latter class, some 1741 volumes.

The sum paid out, thus far, for books is \$1266,99. To this sum may be added \$180,01, for books received or ordered, and payment for which will shortly be made by the Treasurer, making the amount expended for books \$1447,00. The books ordered but not received will make an addition of some 80 volumes to the number above mentioned. There still remains about \$100, which is reserved to be expended, by degrees, in the purchase of such valuable books, as may be suggested by individuals from time to time, or of such new publications as will naturally be sought after by the reading public. It has been deemed advisable to retain something for

this purpose, from the money already in hand, at least until some appropriation may be made for the benefit of the Library.

There was some reason to expect that the Library would, ere this, have been the recipient of certain gifts of money from generous-minded persons who had given encouragement that their liberality would take this direction. And there is no reason to doubt that, at some future time, something may be realized from that source. However this may be, it is but reasonable that the city government should foster the Public Library. It is a fountain of good in our midst, of which all our people may drink. Shall its mind-invigorating waters be dried up for the want of proper means of supply? In common with our schools, it should be the object of the most liberal regard of the municipality in which its good influences are dispensed. We would earnestly and respectfully urge that an appropriation be early made by the city government, for its benefit.

It may be expected that the small subscription of twenty-five cents per annum for admission to the privilege of the Library, will, in future, for some time at least, as it has already done, pay the salary of the Librarian, and defray other incidental expenses likely to arise. There is still remaining a balance of the amount already appropriated by the City, for fitting up the Library room, which will probably be more than sufficient to defray any expense arising in that direction during the coming year. But what we most want is an increase of our list of books. The foundation of a Library in the various departments of letters, has been laid; we desire now to erect the superstructure. We trust that, for the honor of our city, the noble undertaking shall not necessarily be abandoned from want of seasonable appropriations.

Mr. Capen, who performed, in a most acceptable manner, the duties of Librarian, resigned his place in November last. The Trustees have succeeded in obtaining the services of Mr. Frederick S. Crawford, in the same capacity, and, in this, deem themselves fortunate.

We would take this opportunity to express our obligations to Mrs. Sigourney of Hartford, Ct., for her present of a copy of one of her works entitled "Past Meridian." Aside from its intrinsic excellence, in all respects, as a book, it is worthy of a choice and honorable place in our alcoves, as a memento of the kindly consideration towards the Library, of one of the best, as well as most gifted, of American women.

The Treasurer's statement of the financial condition of the Library is herewith appended.

Trusting that the perpetual maintenance of a Public Library will receive due consideration from the City Council, and from all who regard the best welfare of our city, we respectfully submit our report.

AMOS HADLEY,
THOMAS D. POTTER,
CHANDLER EASTMAN,
A. H. DROWN,
H. E. PARKER.

Trustees

of the
Public Library.

Concord, Jan. 24, 1858.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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REPORTS

OF THE

LIQUOR AGENTS.

To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of his Agency in the purchase and sale of wines and spirituous liquors in the city of Concord, from February 10, 1857, to February 8, 1858: Amount of wines and liquors on hand, Feb. 10, 1857,.....\$682.76 Amount of wines and liquors since purchased 4370·10 " freight bills..... 87.29" faucets, corks, &c.,.... 300.00 " agent's services,..... 236.70 " profit, - \$5,681.32 CONTRA: Amount of liquors and wines on hand, Feb. 8, 1858......**\$734**.85 Amount of sales of liquors and wines to date 4916.54 " casks 29.93\$5,681.32 Whole amount of sales as above,.... \$4.916.54 $978 \cdot 15$ Amount sold other agents,.....

Present indebtedness of the agency, \$962.77

As stated in my report last year the amount of sales made by me at retail up to that time was \$3989.51—averaging per month. \$427.45.

The average monthly sales at retail for the last year have been \$328.19.

The Agent would here remark that after his report of last February was printed he discovered an error in the account of short measure and liquors returned, which being corrected would have showed the profits of the agency to have been \$314.59—instead of \$392.69, as therein stated.

Respectfully submitted by,

B. L. JOHNSON, AGENT.

Merrimack, ss. February, 13, 1858. Sworn to before me,

WILLIAM KENT, Justice of the Peace.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Amount of sales of wines and liquors,	\$4916.54
" " " casks,	29.93
" " cash on hand Feb, 10, 1857,	16.46
Total,	\$4,962.93
Paid for liquors on account, \$4,498.42	
" " freight,	
" cocks, faucets, &c 4.47	
" agent for services	
Amount due from other agents	
Cash in hands of agent, 29.03	
-	\$4 ,96 2 ·93

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT AT FISHERVILLE.

Report of the Agent for the sale of spirituous liquors and wines for medicinal, mechanical and chemical purposes, at Fisherville, in the city of Concord, from Feb. 2, 1857, to Feb. 1, 1858:

Dr. To liquors and wines on hand, Feb 2, 1857, " " purchased since,	\$99·63 813·19
•	\$ 912·82
Expenses,	
Paid tor 2 barrels,	
" " jugs,	
" services of Agent,	
	\$ 163.52
	\$1,076·34
CONTRA:	
Cn. By liquors and wines, on hand Feb. 1, 1858, " cash for sales at retail, " cash for barrels sold,	11.25
Debit brought down,	\$1175·66 .1076·34
Leaving net cash profits to the city,	\$99.32
Besides, other property on hand, viz:	
20 empty barrels, estimated,\$17.00	
2 kegs,	
2 jugs,	
	\$22.72
	\$122.04
Whole number of sales6461	
JOSEPH MOODY,	A cont

Merrimack, ss. February 13, 1858.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

WM. E. CHANDLER, Justice of the Peace.

REPORT

OF THE

POLICE JUSTICE.

To the Hon. John Abbott, Mayor, and the Aldermen of the City
of Concord:
Agreeably to the provisions of the city charter, I respectfully sub-
mit the following Annual Report of the Justice of the Police Court
o said City.
The number of entries upon the Civil Docket made by the late
Justice after the date of his last Annual Report, is9
The number of entries upon the Criminal Docket made
by him after that date, is
In the above criminal cases the offences charged are as follows
viz:
· - ·
Drunkenness,19
Violating act for the suppression of intemperance,11
Gambling,1
Larceny,
Assault and battery,5
Disturbing schools,1
Pilfering,1
Obtaining goods by false pretences,
Disturbing the public peace,2
Assault,3
Keeping a billiard saloon,
Total,51
Of the foregoing have been discharged,6
Sentenced to House of Correction3
Sentenced to pay fines,31
Ordered to recognize to appear at Supreme Judicial Court, 10
Nol. pros.,1
Total,

No fines nor fees received by the late Justice have been paid over to me, nor included in this Report.

The records in my possession do not show, nor do I know the business done, nor the amount of fines and fees received by the present Special Justice.

On the last Saturday of August last, I first entered upon the business of the Civil Docket.

The number of entries upon that docket made by me is,27
Since the 30th day of June last, the date of my appointment as Special Justice, the number of entries upon the Criminal Docket
made by me is,39
In the criminal cases the offences charged are as follows, viz:
Larceny,
Being a night walker,
Intoxication,
Disorderly conduct,
Fornication,
Keeping house of ill fame,
Keeping intoxicating liquor for sale,
Robbing a garden,
Assault with intent to kill,
Breaking and entering a granary and committing larceny,1 Falsely personating an officer,1
Larceny from the person,
Playing with cards,
Total,
Of the foregoing have been discharged,3
Sentenced to pay fines,
Nol. pros.,
Sentenced to House of Correction,
Dismissed,

The amount of fines received by me is,
\$190.75
DAVID PILLSBURY as Police Justice,
To the city of Concord. Dr.
To cash received as per above statement, \$190.75
Contra, Cr.
By cash paid for printing blanks as per bills, \$7.75
By cash paid City Treasurer as per receipt, 183.00

DAVID PILLSBURY, Police Justice.

CONCORD, January 30, 1858.